

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Action dated January 16, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

Claims 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moons, et al. in view of La Porta, et al. Independent Claim 1 recites ". . . retaining an old version of the first object at the current position; creating a forwarder object from the old version of the first object at the current position in response to establishing the first object at the new position . . . re-routing the message from the forwarder object to the first object at the new position." The Moons, et al. article discloses the installation of a signpost used to forward requests to the new location. However, the signpost of the Moons, et al. article is not created from an old version of the object retained at the old position as required in the claimed invention. Moreover, the signpost of the Moons, et al. article is not created in response to establishment of the object at the new position as required in the claimed invention. The La Porta, et al. patent merely discloses the use of a stub process that buffers messages arriving while its user process is migrating to a new location. Once the user process has reached the new location, it requests any and all messages buffered by the stub process. At this point, the stub process exits. Thus, the stub process is not akin to the claimed forwarder object as it does not re-route messages nor is it created after there has been establishment of the process at the new location as required by the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. combination.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moons, et al. in view of La Porta, et

al. and further in view of Black, et al. Independent Claim 1, from which Claims 5 and 6 depend, has been shown above to be patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. combination. Moreover, the Black, et al. patent does not disclose any additional information combinable with either of the Moons, et al. article or the La Porta, et al. patent that would be material to patentability of these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5 and 6 are patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. - Black, et al. combination.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moons, et al. in view of La Porta, et al. and further in view of SOMobject Developer's Toolkit Programmer's Guide. Independent Claim 1, from which Claim 7 depends, has been shown above to be patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. combination. Moreover, the SOMobject Developer's Toolkit Programmer's Guide does not disclose any additional information combinable with either of the Moons, et al. article or the La Porta, et al. patent that would be material to patentability of these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 7 is patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. - SOMobject Developer's Toolkit Programmer's Guide combination.

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moons, et al. in view of La Porta, et al. and further in view of Black, et al. and Banda, et al. Independent Claim 1, from which Claims 2-4 depend, has been shown above to be patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. combination. Moreover, the Black, et al. and Banda, et al. patents do not disclose any additional information combinable with either of the Moons, et al. article or the La Porta, et al. patent that would be material to patentability of these claims. Therefore,

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-4 are patentably distinct from the proposed Moons, et al. - La Porta, et al. - Black, et al. - Banda, et al. combination.

The present Response to Examiner's Final Action is necessary to address the new grounds of rejection and newly cited art raised by the Examiner. This Response to Examiner's Final Action could not have been presented earlier as the Examiner has only now raised the new grounds of rejection and newly cited art not previously presented during examination of this Application.

CONCLUSION

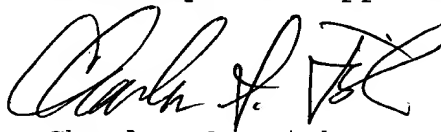
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-7.

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